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No additional fees are believed required; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

In the communication dated January 4, 2001 the Examiner advised that the assent of assignee filed July 22, 1996, which was signed by Nobumitsu Ueno, does not indicate that Mr. Ueno had the authority to sign the reissue request on behalf of Seiko Instruments Inc., the assignee of this reissue application. The Examiner therefore required the submission of a new assent of assignee together with an averment that the person executing the assent of assignee is empowered to sign the reissue request on behalf of Seiko Instruments Inc.

Submitted herewith is an executed assent of assignee stating that Seiko Instruments Inc. assents to this application for reissue. Also submitted is a declaration of Yukio Ikehata declaring that he is empowered to sign the assent of assignee on behalf of Seiko Instruments Inc.

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In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that an interference be declared with U.S Patent Nos. 5,329,501 and 5,479,378 as proposed by the Examiner in the July 30, 1998 Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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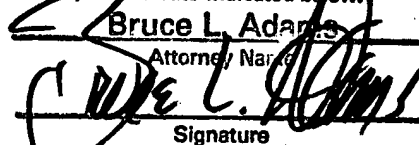

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